blocks of buildings. They are too big for the poor people and unless you render financial help, they will not be able to thatch the buildings. That is the position in which they find themselves. It is in order to avoid this that we are following the new policy.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Now, according to the reports published by Government, there are nearly 100 Depressed Classes colonies. Is it the policy and intention of the Government to dole out freely sums for the maintenance and thatching purposes and for agricultural implements and all other things?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We have reduced this expenditure to a very great extent and unless the House desires otherwise it has to be continued. I do not know whether it is a good policy to stop all at once this grant. These people will be put to great difficulties. That is the only reason. Government would be very glad if they can devote this amount for some other purposes.

DEPRESSED CLASSES—ASSIGNMENT OF HOUSE SITES

58. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether a resolution was passed by the Advisory Committee on Panchayats, Agriculture, etc., in its meeting held on 13th May 1941 to assign the house sites in the so-called Depressed Classes colonies to individual members who are occupying those sites;

(*b*) whether Government have carried into effect the resolution referred to in (*a*);

(*c*) whether the Depressed Classes occupants of the following colonies give any assessment to the Revenue Department in respect of the land they occupy.—

(1) Mathaipuram, Aranattukara;
(2) Sivaramapuram, Pullazhi;
(3) Herbert Nagar, Kanimangalam;
(4) Nadathra colony?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Necessary steps are being taken to give effect to the resolution.

(*c*) The Depressed Class occupants of Nadathra colony are giving assessment to the Revenue Department.

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